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serious in what I'm saying. And you notice, I did start by thanking the committee members. They did something. And if the Governor gave them permission to do one thing, they picked something that is easily justifiable, it is defensible, it does something which provides a great amount of good to people who otherwise would not have that good. However, I'm going to touch on something that Senator Kruse caused me to think of because he is a Baptist minister or one of those organizations, but he is a minister of some type or variety. Pilate and Herod had been disputing. And when Jesus came along and something was to be done about Jesus, Pilate and Herod, who had up to that time been disputing, were brought together. Now I'm not going to say Senator Kruse considers himself Herod and his seatmate Pilate or vice versa. And I certainly wouldn't consider myself to be that other person they named because I'm not that humble. But here's what I will say. There was another time that individual was talking, and he told how these people pay tithes on the smallest of their goods, but then when it came to the weightier matters of the law such as mercy, justice, and compassion, and you know the usual things he talked about, he said, you're lacking in that. He said, now this first thing, these tithes, that you ought to have done. But you ought not to have left the other undone. The committee ought to have done what it did. But it ought not to have left so much other undone. I thought that there would be some items the committee had selected for overrides. Senator Connealy has one and I'm going to support that. Were I not otherwise occupied in activities that relate directly to the core of the Legislature's responsibilities, I would have crafted some override motions. But I don't have time to do everything that needs to be done in and by this Legislature. Those of you all who are "Crishians," and especially those who pray up there, and there are preachers...I mean, senators get up there and pray, too. They know that Jesus could have walked through the cemetery and said, everybody in here, get up, and they'd have all gotten up. But only two people have I read in the mythology that he told to get up after everybody thought they'd croaked.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That was Lazarus, a grown man, and a little